


## National Center for Public Lands Counties

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To: County Supervisors  
County Administrative Officers/Executive Officers

From: CSAC Officers  
Supervisor John Peters, Mono County, WIR Board Member  
Graham Knaus, CSAC CEO

**RE: National Center for Public Lands Counties**

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The National Association of Counties (NACo) and the Western Interstate Regions (WIR) Boards of Directors has established the National Center for Public Lands Counties (The Center) to give public lands counties an enhanced opportunity to demonstrate how prosperous public lands counties create a prosperous United States. The Center will utilize traditional and new media—such as podcasts and video interviews—to tell these stories and also develop detailed, individual research and written county profiles. Counties know that telling our stories is our most powerful tool in bringing resources and attention to our communities. CSAC is working with NACo to ensure that the Center appropriately emphasizes the importance of recreation economies and does not solely focus on extraction based public lands. **The Center will report to the NACo and WIR Board of Directors on its financial health and issue an annual report on research and progress at the annual WIR Conference.**

To fund this once-in-a-generation opportunity, NACo is requesting counties make a one-time contribution to get the Center up and running. While each county may decide if and how much they would like to contribute, the requested amount is equivalent to one percent of each county's allocation under the [Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund \(LATCF\)](#), which was awarded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). County contributions will be collected through CSAC and passed along to NACo.

Please [Click Here](#) to print an invoice for your Counties' contribution amount. You will need to select your County from the drop down at the top to properly populate the invoice. We would appreciate it if your Board would consider a contribution and submit funds by April 4, 2023.